

## **FISCAL NOTE**

### **SB 2978 - HB 3067**

March 21, 2006

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires healthcare facilities with an average daily inpatient or outpatient census of 25 or more to join the Center for Disease Control's National Nosocomial Infection Surveillance/National Healthcare Safety Network surveillance system. The Commissioner of Health shall establish a task force to clarify Class I and Class II surgical site infections in the Interpretive Guidelines for Reporting Unusual Events.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

#### **Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant**

##### Assumptions:

- The Department of Health will not incur a significant increase in state expenditures for the establishment of the task force. Any increase incurred from the task force meetings and the continuance of the Tennessee Improving Patient Safety (TIPS) coalition can be absorbed within existing resources.
- The monitoring of qualifying facilities for reporting compliance will be done during the facilities' annual surveys and accomplished with existing staff.
- The bill does not authorize travel or per diem for task force or coalition members.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director